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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

November 18, VILLA DE RIVADAYA, Spanish brig, 274, M. de Cervantes, Manila 10th November, Sapwood.—BRANDO.

November 19, MILTON, British steamer, 149, Scot, Canton 19th November, Ballast.—A. LEVY.

November 19, THALES, British steamer, 820, T. G. Pocock, Taiwaufo 14th November, Amoy 16th, and Swatow 18th, General—DOUGLAS LAFRAK & CO.

November 19, PROTOS, German steamer, 1,093, Scronen, Newauw vii/Choo 5th November, Beans and General—ED. SCHMIDHORN & CO.

November 19, FERD, German steamer, 754, P. Schrane, Newauw 12th November, Beans—SIEMENS & CO.

November 19, MALWA, British steamer, 2,959, G. W. Atherton, Boulogne 31st October, and Singapore 13th November, Mills and General—P. & O. S. N. CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 19TH NOVEMBER.

Broaddale, British str., for Singapore.

Douglas, British str., for Swatow.

John C. Smith, Amoy str., for New York.

Milan, British str., for Canton.

Lido, British str., for Shanghai.

Whampoa, British str., for Foochow.

DEPARTURES.

November 16, HARTER, British str., for Saigon.

November 16, Elsa, German str., for Haiphong.

November 16, GREDA, German steamer, for Haiphong.

November 16, NINGPO, British str., for Whampoa.

November 16, KUTSANG, British str., for Whampoa.

November 16, VIPERE, French gunboat, for a cruise.

November 16, CHINA, German str., for Saigon.

November 16, SPANIALE, British str., for Kuchabuton.

November 16, LIDO, British str., for Shanghai.

November 16, BRACADEL, British str., for Singapore.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Thales, str., from Taiwan, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Frater, Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, and Miss. Ede, and Mr. Lee, and 73 Chinese.

Per Fero, str., from Newauw.—Chinese.

Per Argo, str., from Hongkong.—French.

Lion, Miss. Mr. H. D. Hutchinson, Miss Ward, From Bonny, Rev. W. Duffus Moore, Family and child, and Allardhak and servant, From Penang.—Mr. Garthak and servant, and 14 Chinese, From Singapore.—63 Chinese, For Shanghai.—From London.—Dr. and Mrs. Westwater and infant, From Brindisi.—Capt. Trolope, Messrs. G. Fletcher and B. Walker, For Yokohama.—From London.—Mr. Busham, From Brindisi.—Mrs. Moyat, Messrs. Yamada and Baschi.

DEPARTED.

Per Envoy, str., for Amoy.—41 Chinese, For Manila, Capt. Macfarlane, Messrs. F. Van Camp, A. Robertson, Julie Witte, and F. P. J. Perez, and 7 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Thales reports left Taiwan on the 14th November, and had strong N.E. winds and clear weather to Amoy. Left Amoy on the 16th, moderate Northerly winds and cloudy weather to Swatow. Left Swatow on the 18th, moderate N.W. winds with cloudy weather to port. In Amoy straights, Glueckburg and Dungen, in Swatow straights, Gulf of Sues and Straits of Gibraltar.

AMOT SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

November 18, Hilda, British sch., from Newauw.

13, Douglas, British str., from Foochow.

13, Don Juan, Spanish str., from Keling.

13, Claro Babayan, British bark, from Keling.

14, Diamond, British str., from Hongkong.

14, Glueckburg, German str., from Swatow.

14, Francisca, German bark, from Newauw.

15, Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

12, Seewo, British str., for Shanghai.

13, Douglas, British str., for Swatow.

13, Kenneth, British str., for Straits.

14, Namco, British str., for Foochow.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM FAR EAST IN CHINA, JAPAN AND MANILA.

(For last Month's Advertisements)

Electra (s.), Trieste..... Oct. 2

Iphigenie (s.), Shanghai..... Oct. 3

Morning Star..... Manilla..... Oct. 3

Christina..... Manilla..... Oct. 4

Cardiganshire (s.), Yokohama..... Oct. 5

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG (Corrected to Date).

Florence..... Cardiff..... June 9

Mohawk..... New York..... June 11

Lucie..... New York..... June 15

Undine..... L'pool via Cardiff..... June 22

C. B. Ferguson..... Penang..... June 25

Great Sunbeam..... Cardiff..... July 13

Caxambula..... Cardiff..... July 15

John Currier..... Penang..... July 25

Heela..... Cardiff..... Aug. 13

Wilhelm Anton..... Cardiff..... Aug. 14

Klyde (s.), Liverpool..... Aug. 15

Aghash (s.), Glasgow..... Aug. 16

Billie Reed..... Cardiff..... Aug. 21

Eliza Beeching..... Cardiff..... Aug. 22

Agnes (s.), New York..... Aug. 23

Catherine (s.), Antwerp..... Aug. 23

Great Sunbeam..... Cardiff..... Aug. 31

McNear..... Penang..... Sept. 2

Sussex (s.), Cardiff..... Sept. 2

Augusta..... Cardiff..... Sept. 7

Decima (s.), Cardiff..... Sept. 22

Strakond..... St. Nazaire..... Oct. 23

Boro (s.), London..... Oct. 28

Horizon (s.), Hamburg..... Oct. 1

Antenor (s.), Liverpool..... Oct. 3

Glenlyon (s.), London..... Oct. 5

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

Mr. WILLIAM SISSON HUNTER, late of the Victoria Dispensary, having taken Charge of the HONGKONG PHARMACY, the Firm representing the Pharaway shall in future be under the Style of HUNTER & CO.—WOODFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1883. [1685]

GEO. B. G. GOULD, E. T. CHAMPAGNE & CO., PUSTAU & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1884. [1684]

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W. BREWER, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1883. [1670]

INTIMATIONS.

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The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in and Subscribers to the above Institution will be held in the LIBRARY, at Noon, TOMORROW (SATURDAY), the 21st day of November instant, Dated 17th November, 1883.

W. H. E. MOSSOP, Acting Secretary.

HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company I hereby call for WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant, at the HONGKONG HOTEL, at 8 o'clock P.M., to decide on whether the LAUNDRY is to be CLOSED or OPENED ON.

GILMAN & CO.

HONGKONG, 1st January, 1882. [1684]

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HONGKONG, 15th August, 1883. [1686]

HONGKONG RICES, 1883.

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The time is approaching when this colony, which almost from its first settlement has suffered from a scarcity of water, will be in the enjoyment of a bounteous supply of that necessary. But this is a boon which has to be paid for, and now that we have got almost to the bottom of the Treasury chest and means of raising the necessary funds have to be devised, murmurs are heard here and there at the cost. It is in the nature of man to grumble at increased taxation, and increased taxation it appears there must be. We are assured by the Colonial Treasurer that some means of raising money will have to be devised; either the unpopular Spiritus Bill will have to be proceeded with, or an alternative measure must be devised. If the former course is adopted we must say that a slight advance in the cost of whisky is a very moderate price to pay for an abundant supply of pure water; but if other means of raising the necessary funds can be devised which are not open to the same objection as the Spiritus Bill, so much the better. That an increased supply of water was necessary no one can for a moment question. In thirty-two towns of England, statistics as to, which have been furnished by Sir ROBERT RAWLINSON, the average supply is 27.64 gallons per head per day. In this tropical city, where the need is so much greater, our allowance does not reach five gallons. The new Taitan Water-works are calculated to give an additional supply of 19 gallons, raising the total to between 23 and 24 gallons—none too much when compared with the average supply of English towns. Still there are some who flinch from the cost, notwithstanding that it is much less than the cost of similar works in England. There are always advocates of a penny wise and pound foolish policy to be found, and if they happen to occupy positions in which they are entrusted with the direction of affairs the public has generally to pay heavily for their mistaken policy. This policy, fortunately has not been followed in connection with the Taitan Water-works.

In SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY we have a Governor capable of taking a comprehensive view of the problem of how to obtain an adequate water supply which confronted him on his arrival in the Colony, and in the Hon. J. M. Paxton we possess a Surveyor-General whose abilities admirably qualified him to elaborate a scheme which would fully meet the requirements of the case. We yesterday published Mr. Paxton's report on the progress of the works, and to-day we give the first portion of the history of the water question in Hongkong with which we present that report. If any justification of the expenditure on the Taitan Works were required it will be found in Mr. Paxton's remarks. The inadvisability of makeshift schemes is exemplified by the history of the first reservoir, which had to be abandoned after

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Melba*, with the English mail of the 16th October, arrived here yesterday afternoon. The subjoined telegrams are taken from Ceylon and Indian papers:

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

BELGRADE, 30th October.—The Bulgarian troops have been ordered to stop fire and have threatened to shoot any Serians attempting to cross into Bulgarian territory. The Serbian troops have been ordered to retreat. The Serbian inhabitants round Vidin are taking refuge in Serbia.

ATENES, 1st November.

The Greek Government has sent a communication to the Great Powers demanding the extinction of the frontier skirmishing. Epirus as originally planned.

BRISBANE, 3rd November.

King Milan and his staff are about to start for Pior on the Servo-Bulgarian frontier, where the headquarters of the Serbian Army have been transferred. A general feeling prevails that war with Bulgaria is certain unless the status quo is restored.

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Prince Alexander continues to demand the union of Bulgaria with Romania.

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Sir H. D. Wolfe had an audience of the Khedive, who in receiving him said that he would support warmly any measures concordant with England and the Sultan for the settlement of Egypt.

THE ZANZIBAR DIFFICULTY.

LONDON, 30th October.

Major Kitchener has been appointed British Commissioner on the Commission arranged by England, France, and Germany for the delimitation of the frontier of the mainland possession of the Sultan of Zanzibar.

LODGE ANDREW LORCHELL ON INDIA.

Lord Randolph Churchill speaking at Birmingham yesterday said that if we England's duty to protect India, develop her resources, and raise the condition of the people, and that should these duties be neglected we should lose India.

THE AFGHAN FRONTIER DELIMITATION.

TEHRAN, 30th October.

M. Lassan leaves here on Saturday en route for Zanzibar, where the British Commissioner is awaiting his arrival. He believes that the delimitation of the frontier as far as Kandahar will be completed by the end of December.

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VLADIVOSTOK.

24th October.

The first foreign man-of-war that has shown since 1883 in our harbour has been the Japanese. The corvette *Kaimon* paid us a visit a short time ago. The communication between our community and the Japanese officers was very friendly.

The *Kaimon* was visited by a number of sightseers, who were very well dressed in their prides of the country, shown off by the officers. These were again invited to call at the army and navy clubs, besides seeing in general the sights of Vladivostok. She left on the 7th for Possiet and Port Arthur.

Of the Pacific fleet only the *Vladimir Monomach* and *Admiral Czerny's* flag, the *Djigot* remain, and these are supposed to leave at an early date.

With the *Nikola*, nowhere to be seen, a very large (32 inches) Krupp gun was quite interesting to see these giants being transported through the streets on rails by the artillery soldiers for *Saphalet*. Only one died during the passage, and it is rather remarkable what can be done. As I believe, this put him back to the port-hole to have a look at the strange gun, and he was followed by some of his fellows, did not however, and is said that he was dead, having been killed by a stroke. I took the opportunity of having a look at the country's accommodations and only praise their cleanliness and sanitary arrangements. The officer who volunteered to show me this part of the ship told me, amongst other interesting parts of this live career, how they had had occasion to use their clean-shaven appearance although every article of clothing instrument is forbidden, (even needles of a certain length are not allowed). On presenting the letters to the *Kiuwou* he advised them that it was at last found out that they shaved by means of common steel pens, sharpening the sides of the end inserted in the pen-holder when used for ordinary purposes, and fastening the point to a piece of wood as a handle. Necessity is the mother of invention.

The police have informed! That is to say, as concerns the *Nikola*, we have now a new police master Major Steffenski (from St. Petersburg), and have actually police patrolling the streets day and night in main thoroughfares and black gloves, both a present from the Municipal Council. They look as inspiring, and I can tell you it is no joke to meet a policeman after that. The window-tops of their whistles are quite inspiring, and marching on the frontiers of India, Persia, and the scented mid-air, rousing the alarm bells, the wind with howling dogs, whistling and barking, and firing of policemen, we have a pretty lively time of it during the night, and the two-legged being who wrote that nothing was more delightful than a moonlight walk, did not experience that here. At least Capt. Walker of the Japanese naval forces would not echo that sentiment. I am afraid it was on his way board one night he was challenged, and on this account he was seized, and so far as I could find, he was not able to speak or understand any Russian, he was captured by the arm and led back by his courageous captor to a street corner, where were found a few more of the same cloth. Parleying was in vain, as one party did not understand the other; the captain very politely offered his card as a guarantee of his innocence, but as it was found to have a watermark, it was contumely thrown away, and an unkind remark was made on the arrival of the fragment weeds from the land of lottery-tickets. These were accepted, and the captain was now at liberty to depart, which was intimated to him by a kind "Pashal bot" which means "You git," that he did, owing to the fact that he was just about to cross the border shore after dark. But still it was evident that we are now under the command of such a singular force.

The hard nut Mr. Pickwick had to crack in reading the inscription of Bill Steamer's sailing stone, would perhaps be found to be child's play in comparison with one which I have copied from the painted legend on the Vladivostok cable. It is confidently supposed to be an English translation of the Russian rules for hiring these carriages. It runs:—"Atten thin th town 50 to 100 rub. The carter keeps the re-glamours." The words are stripped of their foliage, the north-west wind is blowing very cold, and the thermometer indicates an early winter.—N. G. Davis.

New Correspondent.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLIED TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA SUEZ CANAL	Anoona (str.)	R. G. Murray	Hongkong	On 24th inst., at 4 p.m.	
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HAVRE, LONDON, &c.	General Bothwell	Croix	Hongkong	Quick despatch.	
HAVRE AND LONDON	Hondo	Papa	Hongkong	Quick despatch.	
MAISSEUILLES VIA SAIGON, &c.	Lucia	C. Crowley	Hongkong	Quick despatch.	
NEW YORK	Le Lazarus	G. L. Castle	Hongkong	On 1st Dec. at Noon.	
NEW YORK	Amphitrite	D. G. Carlton	Hongkong	On 5th Inst. at Noon.	
NEW YORK	Forsyth	C. H. Alyea	Hongkong	Quick despatch.	
VICTORIA, B.C.	South America	Frank Morris	Hongkong	Quick despatch.	
SAN FRANCISCO VIA H'FAMA	Oceanic (str.)	Dodd	Hongkong	On 26th inst., at 3 p.m.	
SAN FRANCISCO VIA H'FAMA	City of Rio (str.)	P. M. S. S. Co.	Hongkong	On 29th Dec. at 3 p.m.	
SAN FRANCISCO VIA H'FAMA	Palmyra	Russell & Co.	Hongkong	Quick despatch.	
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SHANGHAI	Walter	Gibb Livingston & Co.	Hongkong	On 2nd Dec. at 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI VIA AMOY	Titan (str.)	P. & S. S. Co.	Hongkong	On 23rd inst.	
MANILA VIA AMOY	Zadre (str.)	Butterfield & Swire	Hongkong	On 22nd inst. Daylight.	
SWATOW, AMOY, &c.	Talbot	Russell & Co.	Hongkong	On 22nd inst. Daylight.	
SWATOW AND BANGKOK	Pook	Douglas Lepak & Co.	Hongkong	Yest' Fat Hong	
AMOY AND TAMSUI	Talbot	Douglas Lepak & Co.	Hongkong	Tomorrow, at Noon.	

boat to attack Minha, and the forts near Mandalay. There are only two serious points of defence.

An annexation or protectorate will result in any event.

It is quite possible that a minor Prince with a bodyguard may be substituted for Theebaw. I am proceeding to Thayethwe to-night.

MADRAS, 29th October.

About three thousand coolies have been recruited on the Madras coast for Burma.

Dr. Donnelly, Deputy Surgeon-General, British Burmah, accompanys the force up the Irrawaddy. Dr. Edward Surgeon-Pepper leaves Madras to take Dr. Donnelly's place.

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